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ON STAR CARJACKING PREVENTION

On March 27, 2014, a series of carjackings, stretching from the east side to the west side of Detroit, began with the carjacking of a 2011 Chevy Impala. Criminals stuck a gun to the head of a 29 year old woman and demanded that she get out of her vehicle with which they drove away with.

These same cowardly criminals again targeted a young woman, this time on the west side of Detroit, drawing weapons and demanding her vehicle. Returning to the east side, these brazen criminals attempted yet another carjacking of a woman while at an intersection. This brave young woman refused to give up her vehicle. Unable to gain entry into the vehicle, these criminals resulted to the use of pry bars, smashing the windows of the vehicle while they pointed their guns at the woman. Unsuccessful in their attempt, the criminals fled the area empty handed and the Victim was able to get away.

Due to the immediate danger this carjacking crew presented to the community, the Detroit Police Department's Commercial Auto Theft Section (C.A.T.S.) responded and pursued the criminals. Their sense of urgency and relentless follow up efforts resulted in the apprehension of 3 males, 2 females and the recovery of two carjacked vehicles but more importantly, the removal of this criminal element that was terrorizing our citizens.

There are few things more precious in life than the safety and security of your loved ones. You're Detroit Police Department and its continued commitment to those who live, work and play in this city, are affirmed by the partnerships we forge with our friends from both the public and private sectors.

We are constantly developing and building on those relationships that are vital to the drastic improvement of the quality of life for the citizens of this great city. That is why we have teamed with General Motors, On-Star, the United States Attorney General Office and H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Thefts) to establish protocols and procedures that will restore a sense of security to the residents and visitors of Detroit.

In working with these great organizations, we have developed and implemented a set of protocols that will assist 911 dispatchers, officers, and the vehicle owners, whose vehicle is equipped with On-Star, to quickly and safely return their property in the event that theft occurs.



The protocols requires a series of security questions to be answered by both an On-Star Representatives and the Detroit Police Department that will authenticate the caller and the police authority required to locate and recover vehicles that were unlawfully taken.

We understand the importance of your safety and believe that this measure is yet another tool that will be used to not only apprehend the criminals that engage in stealing and robbing, but to discourage them from committing these acts in the first place.

We are poised to continue to drive down violent crime in this city. This is not by accident, nor is it staged for television. In fact, this is the result of the men and women of your Detroit Police Department understanding your concern for safety, standing by your side, fighting with you, and for you. With the partnerships of our friends from the public and private sectors, and with the continued support of the community, we can move closer to a safer and enjoyable city.

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